

Confirmation Sunday

April 24, 2022

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship this second Sunday of Easter. Faith is always a mix of belief and doubt, so with Thomas we proclaim: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

OPENING HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Thine Is the Glory”

(vs. 1) ELW #376

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of
your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and
strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

PSALM 118:14-29

L ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”**

L ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

C ¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

L ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C ¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L 20“**This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.**”

C 21**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

L 22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C 23**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L 24This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C 25**Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

L 26Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

C 27**The LORD is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

L 28You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C 29**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW #810

(Alt. tune: ELW #820)

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FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES BY CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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	“Jesus Loves Me!”	ELW #595
	“The Day of Resurrection!”	ELW #361
	“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”	ELW #380
	“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”	ELW #384
	“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”	ELW #389

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW #671

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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